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## PRESS RELEASE

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NATURE OF CALL: SUSPICIOUS SUBJECTS  
LOCATION OF CALL: GRANITE BAY  
CASE NUMBER: SO 02-3185

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### SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> a vehicle was seen in the Granite Bay area driving around with its license plate covered with duct tape. An alert citizen notified law enforcement authorities, and a deputy sheriff responded to the location. The investigation revealed the vehicle had been unregistered for over a year, had some vehicle code violations and the driver had no drivers license in his possession. Also found in the vehicle was a backpack that contained personal sexual items. The driver was cited, the vehicle stored for failure to pay fees and the driver and a passenger were interviewed and released. There was no crime committed by the driver other than the vehicle code violations, and the deputies had no authority to arrest or detain the individual.

Some information is circulating in the community that is not based on fact or valid information. There is no evidence these individuals were planning to commit any crime other than fail to pay vehicle fees and avoid registration costs. The driver of the vehicle is in police custody for an armed robbery at an ATM he committed on February 28<sup>th</sup>, but it is not related to the Granite Bay incident. It is possible the suspect's suspicious behavior in Granite Bay indicates he may have been planning an ATM robbery, but authorities have no other evidence to support that theory other than his subsequent criminal behavior. There were no overt actions or statements by the subject or any evidence to indicate he was planning any type of kidnapping or child abduction as indicated by rumors in the community.

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